

Easy!

CELEBRATE HARD WORK WITH AN EASY BUTTON



Easy Button Clip Art Created By Amanda Nickerson

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Have you ever taught something that was so difficult for your students to grasp, that you found yourself going over and over it in a million different ways? This year, that lesson was all about decimals into the thousandths and the corresponding decimals. At the beginning of the unit, the kids did okay on their pre-test. I could tell that they understood whole numbers pretty well, but I knew from the onset that decimals were foreign territory. I tried to pace my unit to spend extra time on those days and enhance the already superb Everyday Math curriculum. The kids still thought it was hard on Day 1, which was expected. By Day 2, I saw the gears turning. By the end of the unit, the kids were nailing it! One student emphatically cheered, "I used to think this was tricky, but now it's so easy!" Another student triumphantly chimed in, "Yeah, it's easy... like first grade!" We did a big class cheer, and celebrated our growth!

Then... the comments kept replaying in my mind like a broken record. I've heard it over and over and over again. My mind was reeling all weekend. Finally, it was as if the clouds parted and the sunlight poured down on me. A big spotlight, A-ha-type-of-moment. I thought of the Staples commercials and the easy button. I thought, how can I make an Easy button? I thought of the closet touch lights and creating one myself. I was going to cover it in red tissue paper or attach a template to it. Then, I did some digging and realized that you can BUY THEM at staples for \$5.99 and they actually TALK! When you push it, it says, "That was easy!" So, needless to say, I went to Staples and snagged one! Now, when my students say something is EASY or work through a difficult problem (maybe even get it wrong on the first attempt and fix it), they get to hit the EASY button! Yay!

I'm including printables to help celebrate learning, a certificate template, and paper copies of the easy button, just in case you want to add it to a closet touch light... just in case you aren't close to a Staples! Enjoy! Please feel free to email me with any questions at amanda.nickerson84@gmail.com and please, consider leaving feedback on your purchase! You can find more ideas at <http://www.oneextradegree.com> or my TpT store at: <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/store/One-Extra-Degree/Products>.

Happy Teaching,
Amanda Nickerson



“That Was Easy!”

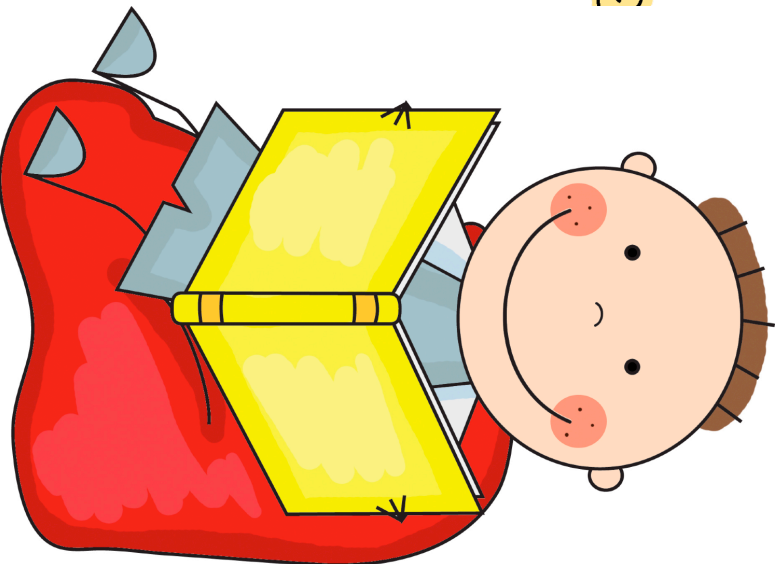
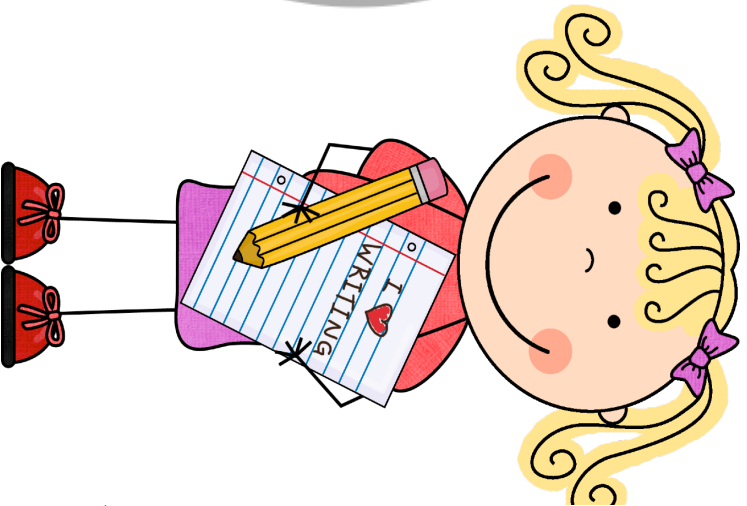


I used to think _____ was hard,
because _____

Now, I think it's easy, because _____



Smartie Award ü That Was Easy! ü



Print on an 8.5 x 11 inch sticker label and cut to create "easy" stickers.





You can use this easy button template to create your own "button".

